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## **Technical Assistance**

***TELL US WHAT YOU NEED...WE'LL HELP YOU GET IT!***

The Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) offers a broad range of programs and services to help businesses strengthen their competitive position in the global economy. DECD acts as the one point of contact to help businesses access the wide array of resources available.

### **HOW CAN WE HELP YOUR BUSINESS...**

☐ **Relocate to Connecticut:**

Financial resources for expansion, relocation and recruitment  
Site selection assistance for relocating and expanding companies

☐ **Get started:**

Streamlined registration and licensing process for new businesses  
One-on-one business counseling services

☐ **Grow:**

Technical training, skill development  
Business counseling services  
Job training services

☐ **Get access to capital:**

DECD offers a wide variety of financial assistance programs  
Various lending partners

☐ **Improve your bottom line:**

New business opportunities in government bid work  
Marketing assistance  
Collaborate with industry, government and academia  
Utility rate incentives for energy conservation/load management  
Energy cost reductions through the use of sustainable energy products such as solar, wind and fuel cells

☐ **Improve your productivity:**

Engineering assistance with ISO certification, lean manufacturing, plant layout, and supply chain management  
Fast-track permitting through state and local regulatory agencies

☐ **Expand your markets:**

Export assistance through DECD's International Office including trade and investment opportunities  
Collaborate in national and international trade shows  
Build public/private strategic partnerships

For more information, contact the Connecticut Business Response Center at 1-800-392-2122 or visit [www.decd.org](http://www.decd.org).

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**Organization**

**Connecticut Economic Resource Center** – Provides economic development services

**Website**

[www.cerc.com](http://www.cerc.com)

**Connecticut Licensing Information Center** – Streamlined registration, permitting and licensing processes

[www.ct-clic.com](http://www.ct-clic.com)

**Small Business Development Center** – Professional, confidential, one-on-one business counseling services

[www.ctsbdc.org](http://www.ctsbdc.org)

**Women's Business Development Council** – Offers programs, services and business advice to women

[www.ctwbdc.org](http://www.ctwbdc.org)

**University of Hartford Entrepreneurial Center** – Supports aspiring entrepreneurs, startups and growing businesses

[www.hartford.edu/cpd](http://www.hartford.edu/cpd)

**Service Corps of Retired Executives** – Overview and insight on the process of establishing and operating a business

[www.score.org](http://www.score.org)

**Department of Labor** – Full range of employment and training services

[www.ctdol.state.ct.us](http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us)

**Turnaround Management Association** – Connecticut Corporate Revitalization Program.

[www.turnaround.org](http://www.turnaround.org)

**Small Business Administration** – Information for small business owners

[www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)

**Institute for Sustainable Energy** – Information on energy alternatives and sustainability

[www.easternct.edu/sustainenergy](http://www.easternct.edu/sustainenergy)

**Energy Conservation** – Conservation and load management assistance through the utility companies.  
Northeast Utilities  
United Illuminating

[www.cl-p.com](http://www.cl-p.com)

[www.uinet.com](http://www.uinet.com)

**UConn Tech-Knowledge Portal** – Assists existing companies with technology related issues and entrepreneurs developing new tech-related products and forming new tech-based firms

[www.otc.uconn.edu](http://www.otc.uconn.edu)

**Institute of Technology and Business Development** – Technical training, skill development, industrial modernization

[www.ccsu.edu/itbd](http://www.ccsu.edu/itbd)

**Procurement Technology Assistance Program** – Marketing assistance for businesses that wish to sell products and services to government agencies

[www.ctptap.org](http://www.ctptap.org)

**Connecticut State Technology Extension Program** – Engineering and technical support for manufacturing firms

[www.connstep.org](http://www.connstep.org)

**Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology** – Helps entities apply innovative tools and practices to increase efficiencies, improve workforce development and boost competitiveness

[www.ccat.us](http://www.ccat.us)

**Connecticut Small Business Innovation Research Office** – Helps high tech small businesses and entrepreneurs win federal SBIR/STTR awards. Facilitate commercialization by collaborating with industry, government and academia

[www.ctinnovations.com](http://www.ctinnovations.com)

**New England Trade Adjustment Assistance Center** – Cost-shared assistance for import-injured manufacturers

[www.netaac.org](http://www.netaac.org)